

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 126  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 126, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO  
ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to improve  
students' access to nutritious foods in public educational  
institutions.

Specifically, the measure:

- (1) Encourages the Department of Education to establish the  
Hawaii Voluntary Farm to School Program by providing  
Complex Areas with the opportunity and option to  
purchase locally grown food for schools from food safety  
certified farms in the State; and
- (2) Requests that a farmer providing products to a  
Department of Education Complex Area's Farm to School  
Program:
  - (A) Provide evidence that the farmer has an adequate  
supply of products to supply the Program for one  
year; and
  - (B) Be food safety certified and subject to all  
applicable state and federal safety regulations,



inspections, and audits and maintain sufficient liability insurance.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Teachers Association, The Local Food Coalition, and two individuals. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs submitted written comments on the measure.

Your Committee finds that farm to school programs improve the connection that communities have with fresh, nutritious food and local farmers by changing food purchasing and education practices at schools and preschools. Your Committee further finds that there are many challenges and successes that come with the implementation of a farm to school program, and that a statewide, one-size-fits-all approach may delay the implementation process. Your Committee believes that, by allowing individual Department of Education Complex Areas to implement a farm to school program, rather than requiring statewide implementation, this measure will allow a Complex Area with the resources to implement a farm to school program to partner with its local farmers without delay.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 126, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.


Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ways and Means,

  
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JILL N. TOKUDA, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SR 126 SD1</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">EDU/AGL, WAM</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">4-8-15</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313         </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TOKUDA, Jill N. (C)	✓			
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)	✓			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood				✓
HARIMOTO, Breene	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	10	0	0	✓
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted         </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">  </div>				
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